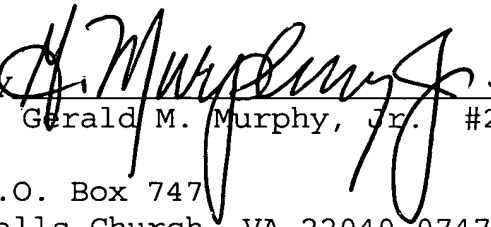



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Applicant: TAKAHASHI et al. Conf.: 6338
Appl. No.: 09/979,524 Group: 2812
Filed: November 23, 2001 Examiner: STEVENSON, A. C.
For: TRANSMISSION LIGHT-SCATTERING LAYER
SHEET AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

COMMENTS ON EXAMINERS REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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December 3, 2003

Sir:

In connection to the Notice of Allowability dated September 24, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Telephonic Interview with the Examiner

The Applicants thank the Examiner for graciously conducting a telephonic interview with the Applicants' representative on November 20, 2003. During the telephonic interview, the anomalies in the enumeration of allowed claims were discussed. It was agreed that this paper would be filed as a result of the interview.

Status of the Claims

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner stated that the allowed claims are 1-14 and 16-18. In the detailed action at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner states: "Claims 19-25 have been cancelled." Upon discussing allowable subject matter, the Examiner states: "Claims 1-14 and 16-18 are allowed."

Applicants respectfully note that the application as originally filed on November 23, 2001, presented claims 1-24 for the Examiner's consideration. On February 3, 2003, the Examiner issued an Office Action containing an election/restriction requirement that divided the claims into the following two groups:

- I. Claims 19-21 drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, and
- II. Claims 1-18 and 22-24 drawn to a semiconductor device.

Also, Applicants note that claims 22-24 depend upon claim 1 and these claims are instantly allowable if claim 1 is found to be allowable.

Claim 25, which was presented on August 8, 2003, also depends upon claim 1 and therefore becomes instantly allowable if claim 1 is found to be allowable.

In the Reply of March 5, 2003, the Applicants elected group II (Claims 1-18 and 22-24) for examination on the merits.

Accordingly, the allowed claims should be 1-14, 16-18 and 22-25. Also, claim 15 has been cancelled and its subject matter has been incorporated into claim 1 in the Reply of August 8, 2003.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Supplemental Notice Of Allowability indicating allowed claims in accordance with group II.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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